

March 12, 2009

Thomas P. Gaffey, Co-Chair  
Andrew M. Fleishman, Co-Chair  
Education Committee  
Room 3100, Legislative Office Building  
Harford, CT 06106

Regarding Raised Bill #6666, Section 7

Dear Co-Chairs Gaffey and Fleishman,

I am a licensed clinical social worker working with children with autism in the Norwalk Public School District. I am in support of Raised Bill #6666, Section 7. It is absolutely imperative to ensure that children with autism receive a free and appropriate education with their special education services being implemented by qualified, certified personnel. Every teacher, social worker, psychologist and speech pathologist in Connecticut are all licensed through the State Department of Education. Why are people working with autistic children not required to be certified? In light of the major error that recently occurred here in Norwalk with Stacy Lore and her agency Spectrum Kids not having the credentials they purported to have, this Bill #6666, Section 7 is so crucial.

Thank you,



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